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Room 424
4th & Missouri Ave

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Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada,

My dear Sir Robert:

Some time ago I received a letter from you inquiring if you might announce the American Alumni Fellowship for 1918-1919. When I left Chicago last Christmas I turned over the management of the Fellowship matters to Dr. MacKechnie but he was eventually unable to find anyone in Chicago to take hold of the matter there and subsequently wrote me asking me if I would make an effort to carry it on from Washington.

It was not until the latter part of June that I was able to give any attention to the matter, at which time I wrote Dr. Barker in Baltimore and Dr. MacKechnie for an expression of their opinion. Dr. Barker invited me to meet some of the other graduates in Baltimore, at which time it was felt that it would be best not to attempt to continue the Fellowship until after the war. Dr. MacKechnie's feeling was that we should carry it on, but his letter did not arrive until after the Baltimore conference, and it now seems to be too late to stir the matter up again.

As a matter of fact, the expenses have so exceeded our expectations, owing to the smallness of the subscriptions, that we have been obliged to use all the third year installments which have been paid to cover the first and second year fellowships, and it would therefore be necessary to secure quite a number of new subscriptions in order to carry the fellowship through the coming winter. If I were still in business in Chicago, I feel pretty certain that we might be able to secure the needed funds for next year, but the work in Washington is so pressing that personal matters, for the most part, must be entirely dropped; furthermore, being subject to orders, I might have to leave the city at any time for any part of the world, and this might cause great confusion.

No one seems to be able to suggest anybody else who is willing to do the actual detail work. If you hear of anyone who is, I would be glad to know his name.

Dr. Barker expects to be at "Go Home", his summer place, this summer, and is looking forward to seeing you personally when he is in Canada.

I regret very much to have to write you so unpromising a letter, and if you can suggest any way of carrying the project through, I should be glad if you would let me know.

With kind personal regards, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Darling.

We have heard [illegible]
since from our
boy who was kicked
by one of the Ballin
horses, we fear we
shall require here the
[illegible] 3½ years a
day;
I will ever be kindly
remembered
By us
Your sincerely
Charles Dalling

Oct 25th 1918

My dear Sir Robert
Thank you so much
for your kind note
Sympathy for us in
loss I can dear lad
Only those who knew his
fine character this is
very [illegible] his
[illegible] nature, [illegible]
what he was
to us & how
great [illegible]

undoubted ability.

He always chose

the hardest - a privilege

but a real frightful

Battalion. Wounded

severely at Ypres in

shoulder. Sick & came

to Portsmouth & Eng

back again, rallied

having thrown the frightful

to Front of Armies -

Home he fell a fine young

Officer and the Nation.

We have had no

Casualties as big

how he came to be

Colonel "Immortal,"

Unit gave us a week

of anxious Suspense,

& Unit indeed the

subsequent Retreat

"Killed in action" came

also as a blow

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July 12th, 1918

Mr. H. Maurice Darling,

Room 424,

4th Street and Missouri Avenue, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Darling:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter regarding the American Alumni Fellowship. The calendar of the Graduate Courses was printed for this year omitting the Fellowship for this year. The Alumni Association Executive are considering the appointment to some one to act in the place of Dr. Abbott who is not likely to be released from his present war work for some time, and perhaps when the new appointment is made he may assist in the arrangements for the American Alumni Fellowship.

Sir Robert Falconer will not be back until October, as he is going to England.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

March 28th, 1919

Mr. H. Maurice Darling,

Chicago.

Dear Mr. Darling:

I suppose now that the war is over you are back in Chicago, and I hope that you will soon be able to fit yourself into your former work. We are having a great deal of pressure from returning men, and I think in my period at the University there has never been such a time of strain and stress.

At present we are considering our Graduate Calendar and one item we have to deal with is the announcement of Fellowships. During the present year the following announcement was in the Calendar:

"It presumes that for the coming year the American Alumni will not wish to offer this Fellowship, as a great effort is being made to raise a memorial for those who went on active service and who fell in the war." Doubtless you have already received an account of this memorial from the Alumni Association. It is to consist of two parts, an external memorial, probably a tower with possibly a chime of bells and a small building in which the names will be placed, and a series of scholarships covering the next thirty years for the returned men, their descendants or relations together with a lectureship on the theme of the war.

We are aiming at a total of half a million dollars. In these circumstances I presume that if the American Alumni wish to share in what we are doing they might not be willing also to maintain the fellowship. Would you be kind enough to let me know your opinion in this matter as soon as possible ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.